

2020 TOPS Program Highlights

TOPS Working Committee

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Highlights



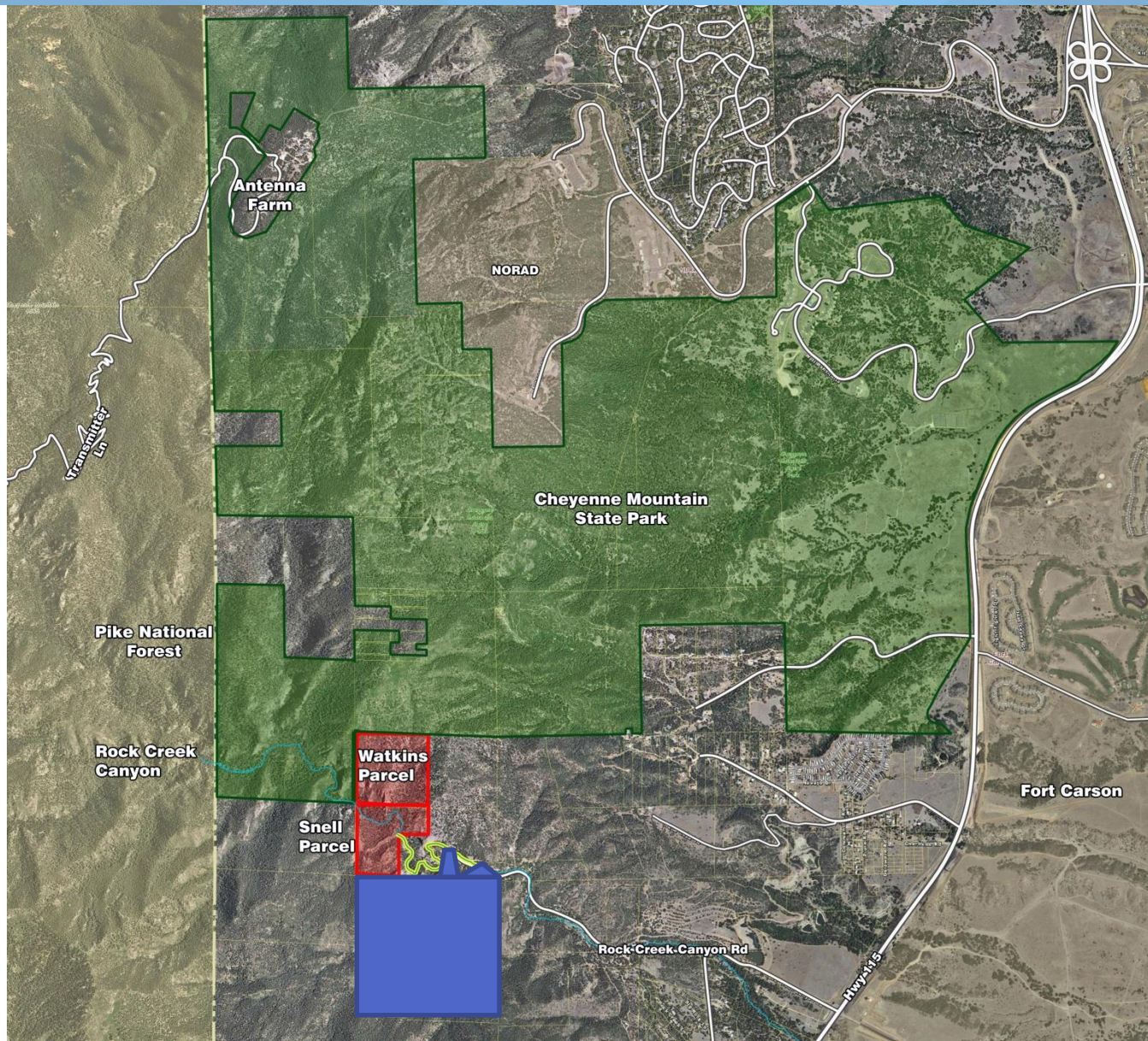
- 890.5 acres of open space acquired- \$11.3 million
- Cottonwood Creek Trail segment from Austin Bluffs and Woodmen Road to eastside of Powers Boulevard completed and opened
- Bancroft Park Improvements-funded in part by TOPS
Best Restroom in America- Bancroft Park
- Panorama Park Improvements- out to bid!
- TOPS Program Audit- Successful
- National Accreditation achieved-TOPS is a big component
- Revenues to TOPS stable –As of October sales activity..sales and use tax receipts lagging by only 1.4% after a year of economic volatility

Open Space Acquisitions



**Cheyenne Mountain State Park
Expansion-160.52 acres
Jimmy Camp Creek/ Corral Bluffs
Connection Properties 375 acres
Black Canyon Quarry and Pikeview
Quarry buffer property- 315 acres
Corral Bluffs inholding- 40 acres**

Cheyenne Mountain State Park Expansion



1285 Rock Creek Canyon Road



East elevation



View of Subject Parcel facing west



South elevation



Jimmy Camp Creek Park-Corral Bluffs Connection Properties

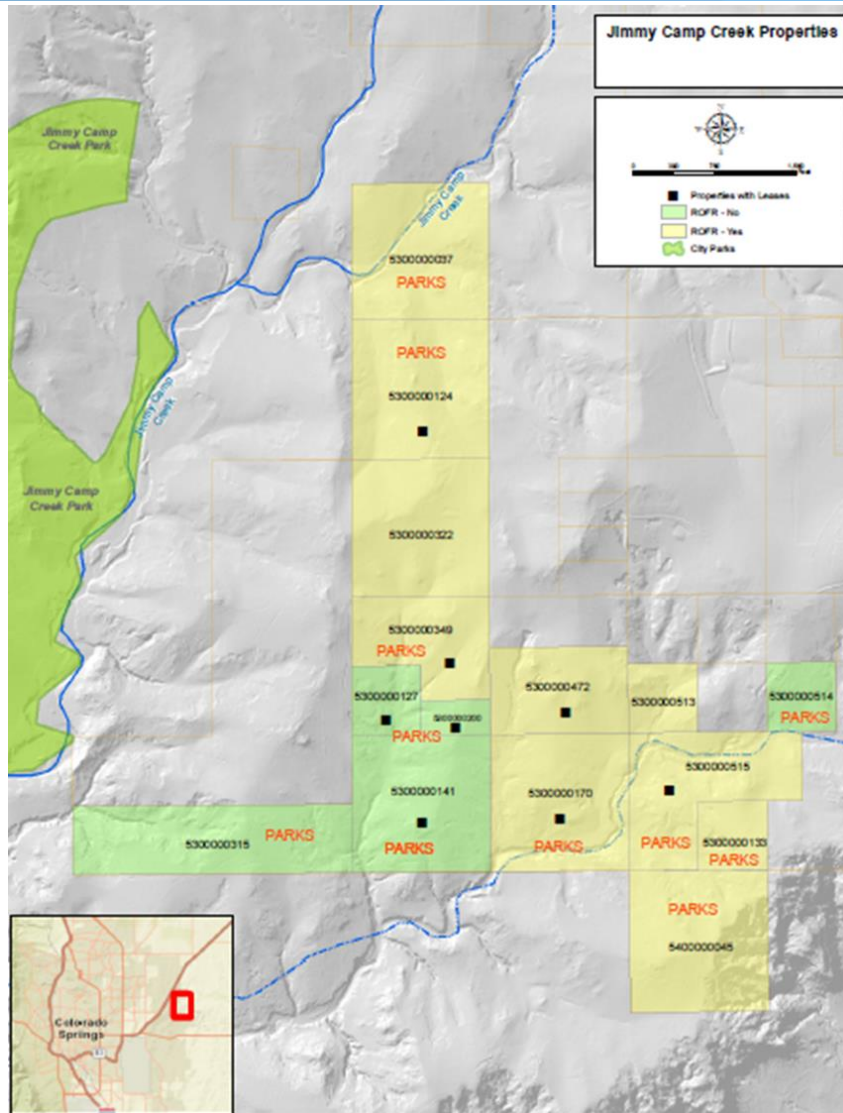


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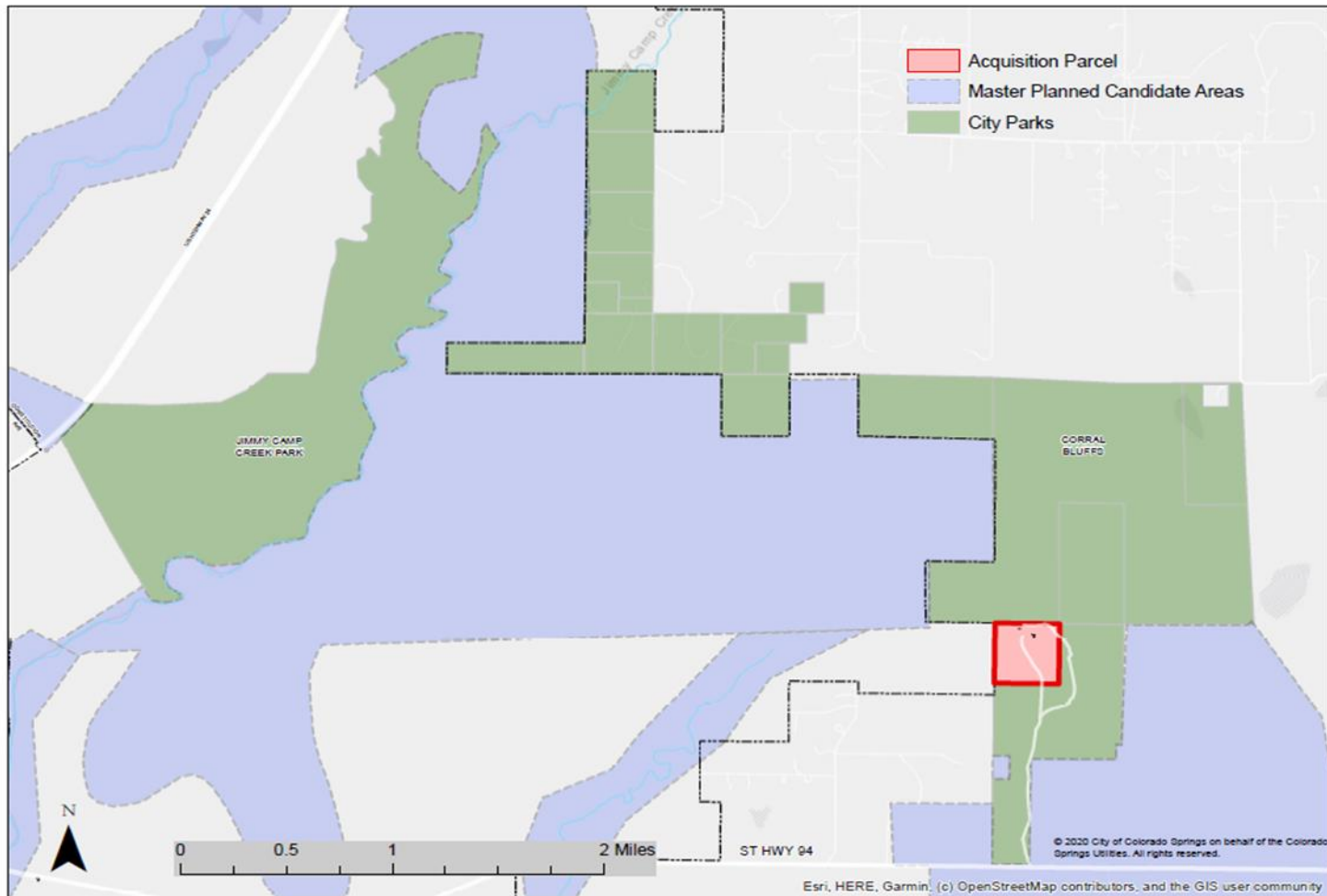
Black Canyon Quarry Property



Pikeview Quarry Buffer Property



Corral Bluffs Inholding



Corral Bluffs inholding

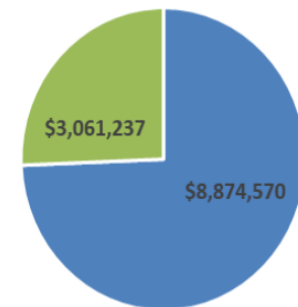


TOPS Biennial Audit October 2020



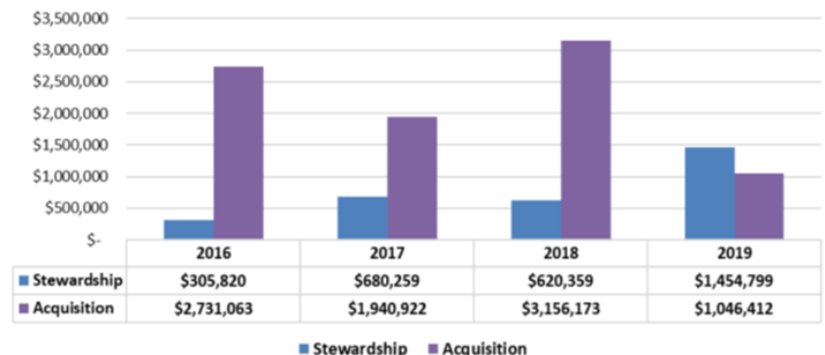
- We concluded as of December 31, 2019 the TOPS fund was in compliance with the spending limitations found in Section 4.6.202 of the City Code.*
- We also conclude that the TOPS fund objectives were being achieved through continued purchase, maintenance, and management of trails, open space and parks.*

TOPS Open Space Spending 2016 - 2019



■ Acquisition 74.4% ■ Stewardship 25.6%

TOPS OPEN SPACE
ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP
\$ by year



Department Accreditation Awarded During COVID!!



- The Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has joined the ranks of elite park and recreation agencies across the country by earning accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies and the National Recreation and Park Association.
- This is the first time Colorado Springs has received CAPRA accreditation. The accomplishment was awarded October 28th during the 2020 NRPA Annual Conference.
- CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community.
- It indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services. There are 151 separate standards that must be met.
- Of the 23,000 CAPRA-eligible agencies nationwide, the Colorado Springs' parks department is one of just 186 to achieve this milestone.

Questions?

